HELLO RETURNING AND PLEBE PARENTS, GUARDIANS & SPONSORS:

The Academy Back to School Day was a great success as were Sunday’s Chapel Services and first Regimental Review of the 2014-2015 school year.

Many family members visited Shannon Hall, met the Academy Head of School, Mrs. Young, and were able to meet with the faculty members while attending a shortened class schedule. They then were able to finally wrap their arms around their plebes and take them out on leave!

College parents, your sons and daughters looked wonderful in their new full dress uniforms and all the plebes and cadets did as superb job in their first Parade! Field Music and the Regimental Band were grand indeed!

COLLEGE PLEBES/CADETS CORPS WEEKEND LEAVE:
Corps Weekend is when your college plebe or cadet is allowed to have weekend leave. He or she may leave no earlier than 6:00 PM on Friday, October 17 and must return to sign in with his or her TAC no later than 6:30 PM on Monday, October 20, 2014. If you have questions, please feel free to contact his or her TAC.

RECOGNITION WEEKEND:
If you have not received the mailing, please let me know so I can get one out to you ASAP.

Please return your RSVP slip as soon as possible so plans can be made to welcome you!

Friday – 31 Oct. – 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall - Parents Fundraising Reception. Join us for an evening of food, drink (beer and wine) and much fun with staff and faculty, new and veteran parents, auctions, raffle, casino and a special march performed by the Regimental Band! Plebes and cadets will not be present that evening.

Saturday – 1 Nov. - 8:30-10:15 a.m. Barracks and Optional Academy Open House in Shannon Hall. Department Chairs will be available to answer questions you might have.
- 10:30-noon - Academy and College plebe Talent Show in Price Gym
- Noon-9:00 a.m. Sunday morning is leave with family members

Sunday – 2 Nov. - 9-10:30 a.m. Family Breakfast (RSVP form is in the packet)
Mellon Hall
- 11-12:15 p.m. Chapel Service
- Regimental Review and Joining the Ranks Ceremony with Cadet Oath.
- Subsequent to the Regimental Review Cadet leave is authorized until no later than 9:00 p.m.

Please contact me, Lini Stevens at Lstevens@vfmac.edu with questions or if you wish to volunteer at the Parents Reception.

**EVENT AND LEAVE ITINERARY AT A GLANCE FOR NOVEMBER, 2014:**

- Recognition Weekend – 31 Oct. – 2 Nov. – details above
- Ring Presentation, Dinner and Dance – 8 Nov., 5:00 PM – Mellon Hall
  Academy Seniors and College Sophomores
- Military Tattoo Performance – 21 Nov., 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM - Price Gym
- Academy Thanksgiving Leave – 21 Nov., 7:00 PM – 30 Nov., no later than 6:30 PM
- College Thanksgiving Leave – 25 Nov., after class – 30 Nov., no later than 6:30 PM

Details will be forthcoming.

**HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE:**

With great pleasure we present the fiscal year’s Honor Roll of Donors 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) to celebrate those whose generosity and commitment have helped provide the very best experience for our hardworking cadets.

In Dr. Sauchuk’s inaugural year, with gifts from 937 alumni, parents, past parents, grandparents, friends, corporations, foundations, faculty, and staff, we reached $1,813,338 on June 30, 2014, $215,359 more than FY 2013, a 13% increase.

We are on a roll and hope you will help us keep the momentum going by making a gift this year. An early gift saves mailing and printing costs and allows us to apply your gift right now to the 87th Corps of Cadets. Donations can be made securely online. To thank all of those who made a leadership gift of $1,000 and above, Dr. Sauchuk will invite all members of the Society of the Golden Sword to a reception, following Tattoo, on Friday, November 21, 2014. A full listing of Society of the Golden Sword members is found on pages 3 -4.

Thank you for allowing Dr. Sauchuk, her team, members of the faculty and staff to continue to educate in the traditions of the Long Line of Gray, to maintain the excellence for which Valley Forge is known, and to support the glory that is Valley Forge.

Hollis “Holly” M. Cheshire
Director of the Forge Fund
hcheshire@vfmac.edu
610-995-6008

**NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER:**

On October 16th, Academy and College cadets are invited to hear Mr. Jordan Burnham, discuss mental health and advocate against the stigma of treatment and reaching out for help. As a teenager, having suffered from severe depression, Jordan will share his story, his on-going physical and mental health recovery process, and what our cadets can do to create healthier and more supportive communities.
SPORTS WRAPUP:
On Friday Academy Soccer was away at Friends Central and lost 4-1. Our goal was heroically scored by Cadet Anthony Zavaruka and Cadet Uriel Romero. Soccer is now 3-8

Also Academy Football went up against undefeated Bristol High for 1st place in the BAL Conference
Final - Bristol 54: Valley Forge 0
Football in now 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

College football wrapped up the weekend with a convincing win over Stevenson University JV.
Final - Valley Forge 28: Stevenson 8

Contributions by:
Cadet Anthony Gelbaugh with 3 touchdown passes
Cadet Christian Summer with a 62 yards run.
Cadet Gabe Yuille with a 5 yards run.
Cadet Andrew Smith with a 4 yards run.
Cadet Carlo Thomas anchored the Defense with an interception.

In Academy Soccer vs. Germantown Academy, VF led most of the game 1-0. VF stumbled at the end for a 2-1 lose.
Academy Cross Country placed 4th in team competition and Cadet Seth Bonzelet finished 11th out of 70 participants!

College Volleyball wrapped up the evening with a very competitive match with Lackawanna College.
Our team fell slightly short with 3 sets to 1.

For more information on Academy and College athletics, please click on these links:
http://www.vfmac.edu/academy-athletics/
http://www.vfmac.edu/college-athletics/

THE COMMANDANT RECOGNIZES:
1. The choir (all 20+) sounded great during Chapel. Our new Choir Director, Mr. Harry Sokol, Instructor of Physics, VFMA. Well Done!
2. D Troop for their participation in the Intercollegiate Horse Show at Devon and providing the Mounted Color Guard.
3. ROTC for its Leadership Development Exercise with 24 hours of Army Training! Army Strong!!
4. The Regimental Band that looked and sounded great during the Parade. Well Done!
5. Field Music for maintaining a constant drum beat for the Corps as it marched onto the Parade Field. Well Done!
6. Cadet Scott Marcinko, G Company, for using his Combat Lifesaver skills to assist a TAC with a cadet displaying heat casualty symptoms. Thanks for stepping up and putting your valuable skills to work!
7. The Drill Team for all their hard work getting ready for its performance at our first Parade. Nicely done!
8. Our Jewish Cadets who celebrated Rosh Hashanah during this past week.
9. Best Company for September, 2014 is: BAND
Congratulations, to the Regimental Band members!
**NEED COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS:**
If you are looking for official or unofficial transcripts, please go to:  
www.getmytranscripts.com  
If you are looking for enrollment verification, please go to:  
www.studentclearing.org.

**CHAPEL, PARADE AND OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE:**
All services, Chapel Parades on the Main Area, and Regimental Reviews on the Parade Field are open to the public. Chapel begins at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Religion specific services will be held at various locations at VFMA&C simultaneously unless otherwise noted. Chapel Parades and Regimental Reviews occur directly following the Chapel Services when the Corps is set.

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**VFMA&C OPEN HOUSE: (Oct. 12)**
The above table the Open Houses are also listed.

Open Houses are scheduled at Valley Forge for prospective new cadets. If you have curious friends or family members who wish to know more about VFMA&C and would enjoy a visit, please let them know they are welcome with their prospective sons or daughters. The staff will describe facets of cadet life and our Parents Association Chair, Jay Cary, will also be available to share his perspective as a parent of a cadet.

They may register online at www.vfmac.edu, Academy or College or by calling 610-989-1300.

**POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:**
If you wish to order poinsettias, please contact Captain Hale at 610-989-1506 or Ghale@vfmac.edu. The pots contain 3 plants in red, white or red glitter and they are $20 per pot. Please make checks out to VFMA Foundation and send to Captain Hale at VFMA&C, 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087.
Plants may be picked up from the Chapel following the Christmas Vespers on 7 December.

3rd Annual VFMA&C Chapel Missions Trip, Jamaica:
Chaplain, Captain Hale will be leading a team of 12 cadets on the 3rd annual Chapel Missions Trip to Jamaica during the Academy Spring Break (18 March – 6 April, 2015.)

The team will spend a week of serving others, growing spiritually and having fun in another culture. If your cadet is interested in participating in this exciting trip, please contact Captain Hale at 610-989-1506 or GHale@vfmac.edu. Team members will be expected to regularly attend Chapel sponsored Bible studies in preparation for the trip.

Total cost of the trip is $2200 per student with a down payment of $800 due by 10 November and a final payment of $1400 due by 30 January, 2015. The Jamaica Team will fly into Montego Bay where it will be met by members of the Jamaican Military Christian Fellowship. The team will operate out of the Admiral Mount Great House in Kingston, Jamaica.

Did You Know?
Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Valley Forge Military Academy Foundation when you shop at AmazonSmile.

And, did you know that Target is on track to give $1 billion for education by the end of 2015. Talk about extra credit! Use the REDcard, and Target will donate 1% of your REDcard purchases made at Target and Target.com to help the eligible K-12 school of your choice. Just click on: https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/teoe/home.

2014-2015 Crossed Sabres Yearbook Ads for Sale:
Purchase a yearbook ad for your business or a special message to your graduating Cadet!

*Full Page = $200.00  *Half Page = $150.00  *Quarter Page = $100.00

All ads will be color and each must be given to me in a PDF file format. If you are not sure how to set up a PDF file please contact CPT Irvan at jirvan@vfmac.edu or call him at 610-989-1417. (Text and photos can be e-mailed to CPT Irvan for ad set up if needed). Deadline for final ads will be 3 Feb. unless all space is sold prior to this date. Space is limited!

Please make checks out to: Valley Forge Military Academy & College and put Yearbook Ad in the memo. Mail them to the school: “Attention: CPT Josh Irvan: Yearbook Coordinator.”

Travel for Int’l Cadets:
International cadet parents, we recommend that you schedule flights in and out of the Philadelphia International Airport which is only a 40 minute drive in a taxi from VFMA&C.

However, if you schedule flights in and out of Newark, New Jersey, or LaGuardia and JFK Airports in New York, please arrange for transportation below for your cadet's travel to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. Consider the following shuttle services.
• **Super Trans Philly Shuttle Transportation** which provides transportation for your cadet to Philadelphia for $65. He or she can then take a taxi to VF. Telephone: 1-215-333-1441.

• Shuttle service that transports to/from Newark, LaGuardia and JFK airports is: [http://www.priorityshuttle.com/](http://www.priorityshuttle.com/)

**PARENTS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
For your information please see the PA BOD below:

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[Parena1970@gmail.com](mailto:Parena1970@gmail.com)  302-897-7714

Bill and Nancy Minich, Secretary/Treasurer of the Parents Association, 2014-2015  
[nminich@comcast.net](mailto:nminich@comcast.net)  609-504-1154

**TAC CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Lafayette Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1273 or LHTAC@vfmac.edu

Younghusband Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1270 or YHTAC@vfmac.edu

Von Steuben Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1248 or VSTAC@vfmac.edu

Rose and Hocker Halls, the contact number is 610-989-1286 or HHTAC@vfmac.edu

Martin Hall, the contact number is 610-989-1280 or MHTAC@vfmac.edu

Please look in your Parents Handbook on Page 52-53 for additional contact information

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Preferred Vendor (12 minutes by car to VFMA&C)  
**Homewood Suites by Hilton Philadelphia-Valley Forge**  
681 Shannondell Blvd.  
Audubon, PA 19403  
610-539-7300  
(Please mention that you are a VFMA&C cadet family when making reservations.  
*This hotel provides a shuttle bus to and from VFMA&C.*)

Other hotels with the closest proximity to VF are:

**Courtyard by Marriott, Devon**  
762 W. Lancaster Avenue  
Wayne, PA 19087  
800-320-5746
Courtyard by Marriott, Valley Forge
1100 Drummers Lane
Wayne, PA 19087
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Wayne Hotel
130 E. Lancaster Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087
800-962-5850

Radnor Hotel
591 E. Lancaster Avenue
St. Davids, PA 19087
800-537-3000


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VFMA&C is enhancing its social media status. Come follow us Twitter and Facebook. If you haven’t yet be sure to follow us on twitter. Share our stories with your friends and family, look for new photo albums of the unique experiences at VFMA&C.

On Twitter, search @VFMAC
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/VFMAC

YOUR PLEBE/CADET IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY?
Did you know that you can order a sheet cake or a “Cookie Cake” (a large cookie about 18” in diameter) from the Cadet Store for your plebe or cadet? It can be personalized with icing and is delivered during 3rd Mess. It is rumored that the cadets like the “Cookie Cake” more because it can be taken back to barracks. Just call the Cadet Store a few days ahead of the great event at 610-989-1542 to place the order.

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